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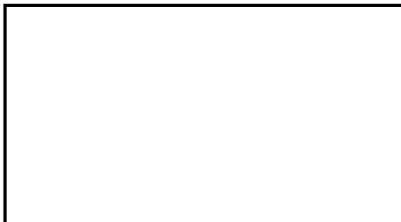
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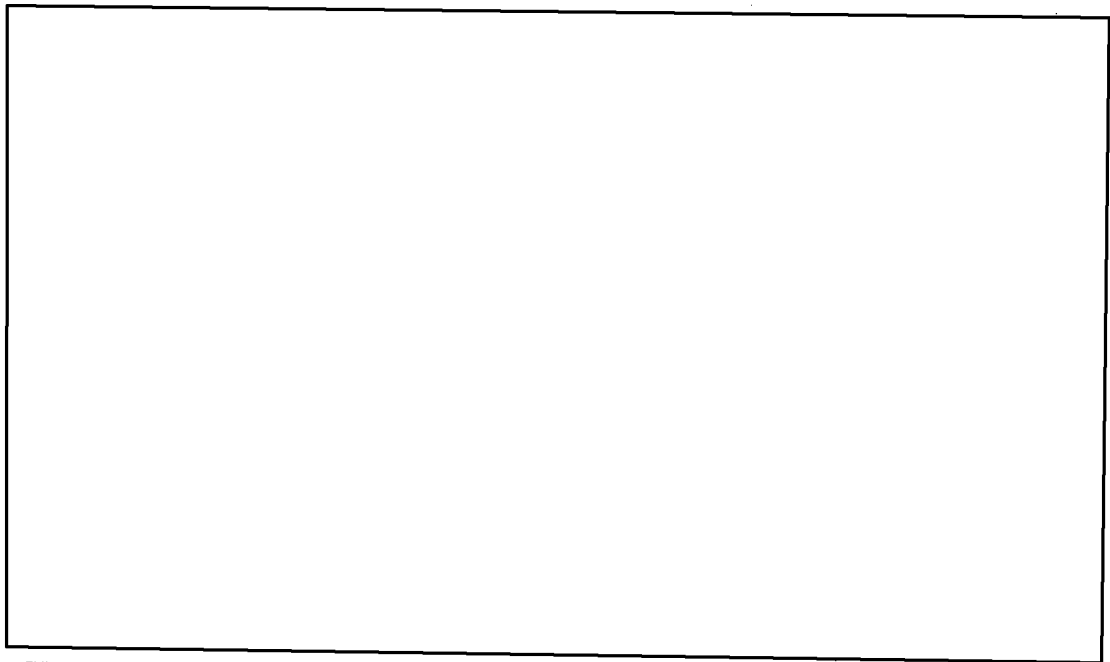
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*CYPRUS: THE GREEK-CYPRIOT FEUD IS STILL AT AN IMPASSE AND IS BLOCKING THE WAY FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

DESPITE TIGHTER UN CONTROL OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK ARMS AND PRESIDENT MAKARIOS' SHOW OF WILLINGNESS TO RESHUFFLE HIS CABINET, ATHENS HAS TAKEN NO ACTION TO RESTORE NORMAL RELATIONS WITH NICOSIA. LITTLE, IF ANY, OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ATHENS AND NICOSIA IS NOW OCCURRING, AND MAKARIOS, CASTING ABOUT FOR WAYS TO COMMUNICATE HIS VIEWS TO ATHENS, HAS TRIED TO RELAY HIS POSITION TO GREEK PRIME MINISTER PAPADOPOULOS THROUGH AN ATHENS NEWSPAPER EDITOR.

ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS OF HIS INTERVIEW WITH THE EDITOR, MAKARIOS IS STILL TRYING TO GET ATHENS TO CLARIFY ITS VIEWS ON A PARTIAL RESHUFFLE, WHICH HE SEEMS WILLING TO CARRY OUT BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH. HOWEVER, THE ARCHBISHOP REMAINS FIRMLY AGAINST ATHENS' MAJOR DEMAND OF DIRECTING CYPRIOT AFFAIRS, AND THE GREEKS, UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE OF THIS, PROBABLY ARE GIVING MAKARIOS THE SILENT TREATMENT WHILE THEY GROPE FOR OTHER MEANS OF BRINGING MAKARIOS TO HEEL.

MEANWHILE, TURKISH RESOLVE TO ALLOW GREECE A FREE HAND IN DEALING WITH MAKARIOS IS WEAKENING. BECAUSE OF ITS OWN DOMESTIC PROBLEMS, ANKARA APPEARS TO BE REASSESSING ITS POSITION ON CYPRUS, AND THE OLD SUSPICIONS OF ATHENS' MOTIVES ARE RISING AGAIN,

[REDACTED] THE TURKS MAY EVENTUALLY INSIST ON SOME INFLUENCE OVER DECISIONS MADE IN ATHENS CONCERNING CYPRUS BUT, FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST, ANKARA APPEARS CONTENT TO TAKE OUT ITS FRUSTRATIONS ON GREECE BY REFUSING TO AGREE TO RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. UNLESS GREECE AND TURKEY, ALONG WITH PRESIDENT MAKARIOS, CAN RESOLVE THESE PROBLEMS SOON, THE CHANCES FOR AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ARE DIM.

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